SRI B. RAMAIAH (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj).—

(*a*) 175 Taluk Development Boards 8189 Village Panchayats including 119 Town Panchayats.

(*b*) For the year 75-76 Rs, 5,62,97,068
For the year 76-77 Rs. 5,28,08,499
For the year 77-78 Rs. 5,58,23,206

(*c*) For the year 75-76 Rs. 1,02,95,422
For the year 76-77 Rs. 97,03,254
For the year 77-78 Rs. 2,13,63,176

(*d*) Nil

(*e*) Total No. of T.D.B. employees in the State — No. of S.C./S.T.

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Strength of High School in Chittapur Assembly Constituency

49 (55) SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chittapur) Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of High Schools in Chittapur Assembly Constituency consisting of Kalagi, Gundgunthi and Chittapur Revenue Circles of Chittapur taluk and Aurad Revenue Circle of Gulbarga Taluk ;

(*b*) the number of High Schools having Government buildings and High Schools having no Government buildings in Chittapur Assembly Constituency (Names of Villages or places having Government buildings be furnished) ;

(c) whether Government is providing funds for construction of buildings to such High Schools where no building is provided ?

SRI G. B. SHANKARA RAO (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Kalagi, Gundgunthi, and Chittapur circles. ... 11 High Schools.
Aurad Circle ... No High Schools

(*b*) Out of 11 High Schools, 3 are private High Schools and 6 are Taken over Schools. The remainning 2 are Government Schools at Chittapur and Shahabad having their own buildings.

(c) Yes. High School buildings at Wadi Bhankur, and Kalagi have been completed up to lintel level. The amount spent so far is as follows.

		Rs.
1.	Government High School, Wadi	46,766
2.	Government, High School, Kalagi.	50,843
3.	Government High School, Bankoor.	53,236

Other buildings will be taken up subject to availability of funds.

Local candidates in various Department.

50 (74) SRI M. Y. Patil (Afzalpur) Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the number of Local Candidates in various Departments ;

(b) what is the policy of the Government to absorb them ;

(c) how many Local Candidates have been appointed by the ecruitment Committee ;

(d) when the Government is going to absorb the remaining candidates ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) About 13,292.

(b) Orders/special rules for regularisation of services of local candidates appointed during different periods were issued by the Government from time to time during 1960, 1961, 1966, 1970 and 1973. In the year 1977, Government issued special Rules entitled the Karnataka State Civil Services (Direct Recruitment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Tribes to Class III Posts) (Special) Rules, 1977 which provided for regular appointment of local candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward Tribes but they did not cover persons belonging to other categories working as local candidates before the said Rules came into force.

The validity of the said Rules was questioned in the High Court through Writ Petitions filed by local candidates not belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Tribes and who were appointed during the period from 1-4-1972 to 23-5-1973. The High Court has struck down the Rules. The State has filed an appeal